**Absolute Rating** Excellent Improvement Rating Good

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 7. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from excellent to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from good to excellent.

### **RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD**

Improvement Rating **Absolute Rating** 2001 Excellent Good 2002 2003 2004

## PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	96%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	15 to 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	98%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	3
Type of accreditation (More than one may apply)	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
	X State Department of Education
	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	National Association for the Education of Young Children
	American Montessori Society

# **SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	From	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL	Our Scrioor	Last Teal	like ours	3011001
<ul> <li>Dollars spent per student</li> </ul>	\$5,952	N/A	\$5,377	\$5,569
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 90.5%		89.6%
Student-teacher ratio	14.7 to 1	N/A	18.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=196)				
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Down from 97.1%	95.6%	95.7%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	98.5%	100.0%	96.2%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	8.6%	Up from 1.9%	6.9%	5.9%
TEACHERS (n=15)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	5.9 Days	Down from 6.6	8.0 Days	7.9 Days
Attendance Rate	92.9%	Down from 94.2%	6 95.1%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	46.7%	Down from 57.1%	6 37.9%	40.9%
<ul> <li>Continuing contract teachers</li> </ul>	80.0%	Down from 92.9%	82.1%	81.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	6.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.9%	Down from 92.3%	89.4%	87.4%
Average teacher salary	\$35,652	Down 0.8%	\$36,150	\$36,605

## **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our School		Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	66.1%	N/A	67.5%	66.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	5.0	N/A	4.0	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	98.0%	N/A	94.5%	94.5%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	N/A	0.5%	0.5%
Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	0
With disabilities other than speech	1.4%	N/A	2.1%	2.6%



# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ben Hazel Primary School averaged an enrollment of 200 students in grades K-2 this year. We are proud to share the accomplishments and achievements made during the 2000-2001 school year. Our community, parents, faculty/staff, and students played a major role in helping to make this a terrific year.

The PTO and School Improvement Council members who served on these committees

are to be thanked for working on making improvements at Ben Hazel. For the past three years, the PTO members have worked diligently to raise funds to purchase a new school announcement sign for the front of our school. We are excited about having this sign in place for the 2001-2002 school year.

International Paper awarded Ben Hazel five different grants totaling over \$17,500. Two of these grants have allowed us to begin the implementation of increased parent involvement. The grants provide take home packets containing math, science, and reading activities that the parent and child use together. An art grant provided books and materials for teaching different aspects of art. Another grant will enable us to enhance our library programs that include the "Live From the Hive-BEE TV" weekly news program that is produced by students, the Busy Bee Postal Service and the Busy Bee Library cadets. Our media specialist and a paraprofessional presented these programs at the Ed Tech conference and the Lowcountry Instructional Technology Conference. A final grant gave Ben Hazel the opportunity to invite a S.C. author/illustrator to visit. Kate Salley Palmer joined our Family Reading Night to share her books. Our theme, "Make A Splash With Books" fit right in with her book, "The Pink House", based on visits her family has made through the years to Edisto Beach.

Many Ben Hazel families attended Family Math and Science Nights during the school year. The math and science state standards were shared with parents at these meetings. The 1st and 2nd grade teachers worked with the Lowcountry HUB to continue to align our curriculum with the math standards and to make hands-on activities to increase students' creative and critical thinking skills.

Ben Hazel students participated in the Governor's Reading Honor Roll again this year. Eighty-three percent of our students met the Governor's goal and received a certificate. Reading is a vital part of our school. Students are even read to as they eat lunch. The Ben Hazel Bees know that Ben Hazel is a great place to "bee".

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.4	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	72.2	N/A	

### **DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

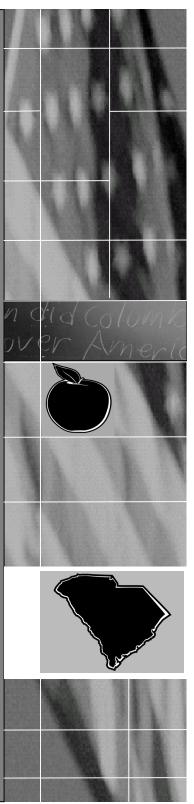
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



Ben Hazel Primary 628 Railroad Avenue West Hampton, SC 29924

**Grades** K-2 Primary School

**Enrollment: 196 Students** 

Principal

Mrs. Donna G. Kinard 803-943-3659

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Charles Harold Phillips 803-943-4576

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Dr. Francis A. Mills 803-943-2191

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card

School Grade: Excellent

2001

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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